

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION**

PAUL HOBIN,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 3:23-cv-1298-L

CITY OF HUTCHINS, TEXAS, and
FIRE CHIEF STACEY HICKSON
(in his individual capacity),

Defendants.

JOINT SETTLEMENT STATUS REPORT

Plaintiff Paul Hobin and Defendants City of Hutchins, Texas and Fire Chief Stacey Hickson (collectively “Defendants”), by and through their undersigned counsel, hereby submit this Joint Settlement Status Report pursuant to the Court’s August 11, 2023 Scheduling Order, and state as follows:

1. Plaintiff filed the complaint in this matter on June 9, 2023. Defendants filed an answer on July 3, 2023.

2. Since that time, Counsel for Plaintiff contacted Defendants’ counsel and sent a settlement proposal for Defendants’ consideration via email on August 28, 2023, and September 21, 2023, which sets forth proffered terms to resolve this dispute and dispose of this action in its entirety.

3. To date, Defendants have not made a counter-offer to Plaintiff’s settlement proposal, as Defendants believe that the parties are currently too far apart to make meaningful settlement progress at this time, particularly with mediation set for December 11, 2023.

4. In this regard, Defendants prefer to engage in settlement discussions at the December 11, 2023, mediation conference to be conducted by Magistrate Judge Horan pursuant to this Court's Order of August 11, 2023 (doc. 16) and Judge Horan's Order of September 5, 2023 (doc. 17). The parties will continue in good faith to discuss the potential for settlement of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 9th day of November, 2023, the foregoing was served via the Court's electronic filing system (CM/ECF) on all registered individuals, including:

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